

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 696

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gracie Yoder upon being selected as the 2023 Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community and state leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such deserving person is Gracie Yoder, who was recently named the 2023 Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yoder, a junior at Elizabethton High School, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County for five years; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and provide a safe place of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, the Youth of the Year honor has been the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants embody the values of leadership, service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants such as Ms. Yoder exemplify the critical impact of Boys & Girls Clubs on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Year program, Gracie Yoder and other Youth of the Year participants are able to showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future; and

WHEREAS, Gracie Yoder is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START HERE – at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people such as Gracie Yoder, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Gracie Yoder upon being named the 2023 Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County Youth of the Year. We extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.